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In reference to Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

As a concerned consumer, wife and mom I would like to address these areas:

- ♦ I request that irradiated foods be required to show PROMINENT LABELING, the use of the terms "irradiation", or "irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol. **I WANT to know if the food choices I have, have been irradiated.**

- ♦ The proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are **misleading** and **should not** be used.

- ♦ The absence of an irradiation statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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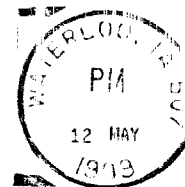
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